

**as it incorporates Section
1923(c)(1)**

To enable Massachusetts to not make DSH payments in accordance with statutory requirements to hospitals after July 1, 2005.

6. Financial Responsibility/Deeming **Section 1902(a)(17)**

To authorize Massachusetts to use for plan groups and individuals whose eligibility is determined under the more liberal standards and methods, eligibility standards and requirements that differ from those required under title XIX. This authority specifically exempts the Commonwealth from the limits under section 1902(a)(17)(D) on whose income and resources may be used to determine eligibility unless actually made available, so that family income and resources may be used instead.

To authorize Massachusetts to deem income from any member of the family unit (including any Medicaid eligible member) for purposes of determining income.

To authorize Massachusetts to provide coverage to the medically needy without offering a spend-down for pregnant women, parents, children ages 0-18, and the disabled, and to offer 1-month spend downs for people receiving community-based services as an alternative to institutionalization, and non-institutionalized persons who are receiving personal care attendant services at the onset of waivers.

7. Freedom of Choice **Section 1902(a)(23)**

To enable Massachusetts to restrict freedom-of-choice of provider for MassHealth participants.

To enable Massachusetts to implement selective contracting requirements within the Primary Care Clinician Program, and for Anti-Hemophilia Factor drugs.

8. Reimbursement **Section 1902(a)(32)**

To enable Massachusetts to provide the following:

- a) a direct subsidy or reimbursement, including through use of a voucher, to low-income employees, or to insurers for the benefit of low-income employees to help enable these employees to pay for their share of medical insurance costs when their employers provide health insurance;
- b) a direct subsidy or reimbursement, including through use of a voucher, to unemployed persons, or to insurers for the benefit of unemployed persons to help enable those who are not eligible for other programs to purchase health insurance;

- c) a direct subsidy or reimbursement, including through use of a voucher, to self-employed persons, or to insurers for the benefit of self-employed persons to help enable them to pay for the cost of health insurance; and
- d) reimbursement, through employer subsidies, to self-employed persons or to employers of individuals and families below a certain income level for a portion of the employers' cost of providing health insurance to such employees. Effective July 1, 2007, self-employed persons will no longer be eligible for such reimbursement.

9. **Retroactive Eligibility**

Section 1902(a)(34)

To enable Massachusetts to waive the requirement to provide medical assistance for up to 3 months prior to the date that an application for assistance is made.